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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 30, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Office action dated October 30, 2003. A response is due on April 30, 2004, by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a three month extension of time. No other fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the present paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Amendments to the Specification. There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.